

(Washington, DC)— Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-Wisc) today commented on the suspension of BadgerCare Plus Core Plan Enrollment. Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle announced today that the state is approaching the maximum number of enrollees for the new Badger Care Plus Core Plan for adults without dependent children and will suspend enrollment at noon this Friday, October 9th. Everyone who applies after noon on Friday will be added to a waiting list. The Department of Health Services in Wisconsin began taking applications for the plan on June 15, 2009.

“Since the advent of BadgerCare Plus, Governor Doyle has taken admirable steps to ensure that vulnerable kids and childless adults have access to health insurance, but today we’re seeing the limitations of state action alone,” Congresswoman Moore said. “60,000 uninsured Wisconsinites have applied for BadgerCare coverage in under 100 days, and now because of the cap they’re going to be forced to wait yet again to get the coverage they need for a checkup, for a mammogram, for medication for the flu -- the list of needs goes on and on. Let those 60,000 people be a lesson to anyone who says national health reform can wait.”

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